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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German airfields and air activities, received prior to 10 May 1955:

A. Aircraft Counted Outside Hangars:

1. Jet Fighters: (MIG-15's unless otherwise stated)
  - Brandenburg Bristz: A minimum of 11 on 6 May
  - Erfurt-Bindersleben: 4 on 23 April
  - Finow: Approximately 60 on 7 May
  - Grossenhain: 24 and 16 on 22 and 28 April respectively
  - Merseburg: 34 and 10 on 28 April and 4 May respectively. At least three of the aircraft observed on 28 April were MIG-17's.
  - Neuruppin: Approximately 40 on 29 April
  - Rechlin-Laerz: 56 on 3 May
2. IL-10's:
  - Brandenburg-Industrieafen: 42 on 3 May
  - Doeberitz: 28 on 1 May
3. IL-28's:
  - Briesen-Brand: 30 on 26 April
  - Gross Doelln: 28 on 1 May
  - Oranienburg: 32 on 5 May
4. PO-2's:
  - Oranienburg: 8 on 5 May
  - Schoenewalde: 7 on 26 April
5. Yak-11's:
  - Drewitz: 18 on 23 April

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# 6. No Aircraft:

Schkeuditz on 2 May  
Tutow on 1 May

## B. Air Activity:

Between 28 April and 5 May, air units of the 24th Air Army engaged in individual and formation flying, with up to four aircraft in each formation. Firing at towed sleeve targets and night flying was occasionally observed. At about 1500 hours on 4 May, approximately 25 MIG-15's took off from Merseburg airfield and did not return until the evening. Ten MIG-15's were observed outside the hangars on that evening. At about 0700 hours on 6 May, eight MIG-15's took off from Brandenburg-Briest airfield.

## C. Arrival of New Aircraft:

The exact number of new aircraft shipped to East Germany has not yet been definitely established. Shipments of aircraft crates were probably dispatched to the following airfields where they are possibly being assembled and then distributed in small numbers to other fields:

Justerbog: 20 crates on 8 March, 15 on 16 April and 15 on 27 April  
Zerbst: 30 on 23 March  
Finow: 9 on 25 April  
Merseburg: 19 on 24 April  
Neuruppin: 5 and 20 on 21 and 24 April respectively

## D. Air Force Shipments:

### 1. From Brandis Airfield:

Between 15 April and 5 May, 24 and 4 carloads with sheet metal were sent from Brandis to Merseburg and Neuruppin respectively. Two trains with between eight and ten cars and loaded with three trucks and one fuel truck each were dispatched to Tutow and Welzow. The train to Tutow carried 60 men and the one to Welzow 15.<sup>1</sup>

### 2. To Schlotheim:

A train loaded with construction equipment, one crane truck, one ambulance, six tractors, two repair shop trucks and seven trucks and with three boxcars loaded with air force personnel was dispatched from Wildpark to Schlotheim on 5 May.<sup>2</sup>

### 3. Fuel Shipments:

To Werneuchen: 10 and 29 railroad tank cars from Ruhland and Boehlen respectively between 14 and 25 April  
To Merseburg: 34 railroad tank cars between 23 April and 2 May

## E. Construction Projects:

### 1. Querfurt:

A considerable delay, partly caused by the poor conditions of the workers' billets, is expected. Approximately 550 workers are now at the airfield.

### 2. Tutow Airfield:

The work is expected to be completed by 15 May. Approximately 180 workers are still at the airfield. The Soviet commander of the project and his interpreter have been transferred to Querfurt.

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### 3. Usedom Island:

A combined airfield and seaplane base was scheduled to be constructed by VEB Tiefbau Brandenburg on the island of Usedom. The construction personnel from Gross Doelln, where about 750 men are still on location, will be employed on this project.<sup>3</sup>

## F. Miscellaneous:

### 1. Schoenefeld Airfield:

Preparations for the transfer of Soviet personnel at Schoenefeld airfield to Diepensee, at the southern end of the airfield, are underway. On Easter Sunday, Lieutenant Colonel Lyzikov allegedly left with his family for Moscow by military aircraft.

### 2. Oranienburg Airfield:

Commissary Klimenko was established in Oranienburg on 1 April. Additional warehouses were to be supplied by the new commissary after 20 April.<sup>4</sup>

1.  Comment: Brandis airfield is occupied by a large recruit unit and, presumably, by special details. Some of the latter may have been transferred to Tutow and Welzow.
2.  Comment: Schlotheim is located on the Sondershausen-Muehlhausen railroad line. No information on the possible construction of an airfield in this area has been received.
3.  Comment: Information on this project, possibly involving an improvement of Garz airfield,
4.  Comment: This indicates that the headquarters of the newly arrived bomber division may be located in Oranienburg.

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